

REMARKS

A. Status of Claims

Claims 1-4 and 6-16 are pending prior to the entry of the present Amendment. Of the preceding claims, claims 12-16 are canceled, leaving claims 1-4 and 6-11 pending upon the entry of the present Amendment.

B. Allowed Claims

Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-4 and 6-11.

C. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 12-16 for allegedly failing to comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

To expedite the prosecution of this case, and without acknowledging the propriety of the enablement rejection and the Examiner's justifications thereof, Applicants hereby cancel claims 12-16. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation and/or divisional application.

In light of the instant amendments, the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection is moot.

D. Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are allowable. Applicants respectfully request withdraw of the §112 rejections and allowance of the pending claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below if such would advance the prosecution of the instant application. Applicants believe no additional fees are due, but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this Response from Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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